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TO: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
Department of State

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: MACHE, Leo []
[aka: PFISTER, Charles
KEIFER, fau] /

1. Reference is made to your request concerning Subject dated 10 January 1972.

2. An official Austrian Service reported on 5 April 1960 that Subject was a member of the Austrian Communist Party (KPOe) and was completely pro-Russian.

3. In a Department of the Army report dated 19 March 1953, Subject was said to be the scientific liaison representative for the Austro-Soviet Society, a Communist Party front organization, and the Soviets. (Reference: Department of the Army, 430th CIC Sub-Detachment "C", report dated 19 March 1953, subject: Technical Intelligence, Possible Affiliation of Austro-Soviet Society with Scientific Personnel, Vienna.)

4. In a report dated 21 February 1961, a reliable source reported that Subject had hinted that certain profits from his business transactions go to Communist Party cover organizations. [Comment: It is the opinion of this Office that "Communist Party cover organizations" may in fact be Russian Intelligence Service (RIS) illegals or agents.]

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5. It was reported in May 1961 by a reliable source that Subject had opened an account in a Swiss bank under the name of Charles PFISTER and was either replacing this account or opening a new one under the name of KEIFER. Source felt that the accounts were maintained by Subject for clandestine party or Intelligence Service purposes although it was possible that the accounts were for Subject's own personal use.

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6. According to a report dated 1 April 1963, Subject was possibly compromised to the Russian Intelligence Service by Heinz ELFE, a senior West German Intelligence Service (BND) counter-intelligence officer who was responsible for the conduct of counterespionage operations against the Soviets. Subject may have been brought to the attention of the RIS as "being connected with or being the subject of interest to United States or Western services".

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CC: Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Discussion by MACHE

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BASED ON: ☐ ☐

Para 2: EAVA-25125
 5 April 1960

Para 3: XBAZ-04271
 V-34760

19 March 1961

Para 4: EGMA-53725 & ESZW-145
 21 February 1961 21 April 1961

Para 5: EAVA-27002
 8 May 1961

Para 6: MX-4036
 1 April 1963

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE					
REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHIC DATA					
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